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Dear Mr. Eskridge,

Because you were counsel in the Bernard Lee case and because of your association with Dr. King I send you the enclosed copy of a Department of Justice record. The author was in the Attorney General's office. He handled negotiations with Harry Wachtel and others when the heirs sought records pertaining to Dr. King.

I have no reason to believe that Levison was an FBI informer.

If it is ever of interest to you, I have more than 50,000 pages of the FBI's HQ and field office records pertaining to the non-investigation of his assassination. I am still in court in that FOIA case, after more than five years.

In 1971 I published Frame-Up on the King assassination and I plan another book on the subject, based on the records I've obtained. It was not possible for me to seek to interview you then and it isn't possible now. However, if there is anything you would like me to know, I'd welcome it, of course.

I don't know what records you did get in the Lee case. I'm familiar with the sequestering. It was but the first of many FBI stonewalls I faced in my efforts to get the political files, "security" to the FBI. I have obtained an incomplete field office inventory. After all my experiences and knowledge I'm astounded that it is actually 400 pages long. I do not know the bulk of HQ records. I cannot forecast when I'll get what, but whatever I do get will be available.

There is nothing in this inventory to indicate that Levison was anything but an FBI target, not its fink.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg